

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 12. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	81.1	85.4	89.7	81.1	85.3	86.5
• Passed 2 subtests	13.0	9.8	6.6	12.1	8.9	8.1
• Passed 1 subtest	4.7	3.6	2.6	4.8	4.1	3.5
• Passed no subtests	1.2	1.2	1.1	2.0	1.8	1.9

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	52.3%	44.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	55.6%	46.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	74.9%	63.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	98.0%	52.3%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	98.0%	52.5%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	97.5%	46.7%	
Female	98.6%	57.3%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	92.9%	30.8%	
Hispanic	50.0%	33.3%	
White	98.5%	53.6%	
Other	100.0%	60.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	92.5%	18.2%	
Pay for lunch	98.6%	54.8%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	82.3%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	7.6%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,649	N/A	\$5,059	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.5%	Down from 91.2%	91.4%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.1 to 1	N/A	26.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=2,099)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	89.1%	N/A	80.5%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.9%	96.3%	95.3%
• Retention rate	3.4%	Up from 3.2%	6.0%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=129)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Up from 7.3	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.5%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 67.4%	65.1%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	89.9%	Up from 81.4%	86.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.5%	Down from 93.7%	86.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,347	Up 7.6%	\$40,117	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	1.6%	Down from 1.8%	1.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.1%	N/A	57.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	7.0	N/A	6.3	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	57.4%	N/A	49.3%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 4.6%	3.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	80	N/A	37	29
• Gifted and talented	26.7%	Down from 44.1%	14.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	4.6%	Up from 4.4%	6.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	0.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	159	N/A	466	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	57.6%	N/A	30.5%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Lexington High School students have always performed well academically, athletically and artistically. Although this letter has been written on June 15, 2001, — prior to the release of the 2001 SAT, AP or Exit Examination tests — we can, based on our students' past performance, anticipate that our students' scores will continue to rise.

While student performance has always been a strength, we believe we have one area of weakness in the assimilation of ninth grade students. We know that in a school of approximately 2,100, it is easy for a new student to feel alienated. We work to minimize the new student's apprehension by inviting rising ninth grade students to visit the high school's Camp LHS in the spring. That evening those rising ninth graders meet in small groups with an upperclassman "counselor." That counselor reviews policies and procedures, gives the students a tour, and forms a bond that provides the incoming student with at least one already-established relationship.

We recently added this program and hope that it will help rising ninth graders feel comfortable at Lexington High School.

Some of our more recent accomplishments include: South Carolina Assistant Principal of the Year — 2001; 11 National Merit Finalists — 2001; four All-State Academic Team members — 2001; 36 Palmetto Fellows Recipients — 2001; 252 students eligible for Life Scholarship — 2001; over \$10 million in scholarships offered to the class of 2001; Sword of Excellence (highest AFJROTC honor in SC) — 2001, 2000; Softball 4-A State Champions - 2001, 2000; Football 4-A Runner-up State Champions — 2000; SAT Competition Team 4-A State Champions — 2000, 1999; Basketball 4-A State Champions — 2000, 1996; Second Place State Marching Band Championship — 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997; South Carolina's Principal of the Year — 1999; First Place in National Choral Festivals — 1999, 1998, 1997; and first high school in the state to be named Palmetto's Finest — 1997.

We are proud of our students' and staff's accomplishments in 2000–2001. We look forward to an equally successful 2001–2002 school year.

Debbie Alexander chaired the School Improvement Council.  
Allan L. Whitacre

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	80.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.9	82.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	94.9	81.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 2,099 Students

### Principal

Mr. Allan Whitacre 803-359-5565

### Superintendent

Dr. Karen C. Woodward 803-951-8363

### Board Chair

Mr. James H. Riddle Jr. 803-356-4977



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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